

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Office Action indicates that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1 - 2;

Group II. Claims 3 - 4;

Group III. Claims 5 - 10; and

Group IV. Claims 11 - 15.

The Office Action also indicates that the Applicants are required to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Additionally, the Office Action indicates that no claim has been found to be generic.

Applicants elect Group III (claims 5-10), and cancels claims 1-4 and 11-15. Applicants reserve the right, however, to pursue the embodiments of claims 1-4 and 11-15 in divisional applications.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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